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OPEN LETTER TO FLORIDA RECIPROCAL PARTNERS

This letter is to inform the certification offices around the state that the Florida Inter-Local Program has been reformed under the Governor's One Florida "Equity in Contracting" Initiative. The State is pleased to announce the adoption of a new "One-Way Certification" Program. This One-Way Certification will coincide with the new e-Procurement solution recently adopted and currently being implemented by the Department of Management Services.

Under the new eProcurement solution vendors self certify up front and register their business online. The vendors' data will be verified on the backend during an audit to confirm their compliant status.

This new eProcurement system will replace the current vendor database called Profiler as well as our Online Directory.

Commencing immediately, you should stop using the Profiler as we can no longer support it. Any application arriving that seeks state certification between now and the anticipated March 2003 Electronic Procurement start date, please refer them to this office.

We appreciate your past and future support in the MBE industry and we will continue to work with your organization and MBE community to ensure that all of Florida's businesses have a fair and equitable access to state business opportunities.

Sincerely,

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